City of Flint Captain **Denies Charges by Two Crew Members**

Declares Union Object Is to Drive Him Out Of His Job

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Capt. Joseph A. Gainard, skipper of the City of Flint on its adventurous voyage through the European war zone, was accused by two of his men today of having disregarded the safety of his crew while the ship was in the hands of its Ger-

The National Maritime Union (C. I. O.) announced it had filed charges of neglect of duty against him, and asked that his license be revoked. At his Melrose, Mass., home, Capt. Gainard denied the charges and, recalling that he was master of the freighter Algic when its crew went on a sit-down strike in Montevideo, Uruguay, in September, 1937, said: "I am probably the most unpopular shipmaster so far as some elements are concerned. I expect I will have this sort of thing as long as I go to sea and I doubt I will go very long, because I will be too much trouble to shipowners. It is the object of these men to drive

me out of my job." 14 Convicted of Mutiny. Fourteen of the Algic's crew, all members of the N. M. U., were con-

victed at Baltimore of mutiny. Three others pleaded guilty in Federal Brooklyn, to charges of neglect of duty. The union, in a statement, said the charges against Capt. Gainard

were filed by its attorney, William L. Standard, with Comdr. R. S. Field, director of marine inspection and navigation in Washington. Accompanying the charges were affidavits by Peter Walding, chief cook, of Midland City, Ala., and Henry Androvett, mess boy, of New

Capt. Gainard, the complaint said, had several opportunities to get his to Bergen.' crew out of the hands of the Germans and to contact American au- Gainard said today, as he had said thorities, but had refused. It was in Baltimore January 27 when his also charged that he threatened to ship arrived after her 113-day voyput the crew in irons when a spokesman for the men asked permission for the crew to go ashore at Tromsoe, Norway, to get in touch with Mrs. Richard Borden Harriman, United States Minister to Norway.

Taken by Deutschland. 216 survivors of the British liner ashore or to get messages ashore Athenia, sunk on September 3, the while we were in Russia and Norway, day Britain and France declared but I have no consciousness of jeopwar, sailed again from New York ardizing the men's lives. October 3. Six days later the German pocket battleship Deutschland ligerent waters, with belligerents stopped her and put aboard a prize aboard, and had to be doubly carecrew and 38 British seamen from ful, but there was no trouble and the S. S. Stocegate, which the there never was any question of Deutschland had sunk.

The Germans later put the City was no occasion for it." of Flint in at Tromsoe, where the

Tromsoe did Gainard attempt to assert his rights as a neutral in a Report Is Approved neutral port and free the ship from The Pan-American Highway Fithe German crew," the union's state- nance

Tromsoe, the statement continued, the German prize crew was jailed ashore, and Capt. Gainard was told Pan-American Union, is composed

he got a convoy. "He refused to leave the port and

Prize Crew Returned.

refused to give the crew an oppor-

tunity to make good its escape," said

"Finally, in order to get the ship out of port, Soviet authorities put the German prize crew back on her and ordered her to sai. She sailed for Norway again, arriving two days



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later at Haugesund, where the Germans were removed by the Norwegian authorities and the ship sent

In reply to the statement, Capt. age, that the crew "all behaved splendidly."

"There were times," he added when my crew and myself would like to have taken the ship over, but clearer judgment prevailed.

"Of course, I wouldn't let them go ashore—I couldn't go myself. I The City of Flint, which rescued spent most of my time trying to get

"We were in double danger in belputting any one in irons. There

"At no time during the stay at Pan-American Highway

nent said.

At Murmansk, Russia, where the mitted shortly to the various Central City of Flint was taken after leaving and South American governments

of Ambassador Francisco Najera of But the skipper, the union charged, told his crew he would stay until ister of Nicaragua, and J. Van Ness Philip for this country.





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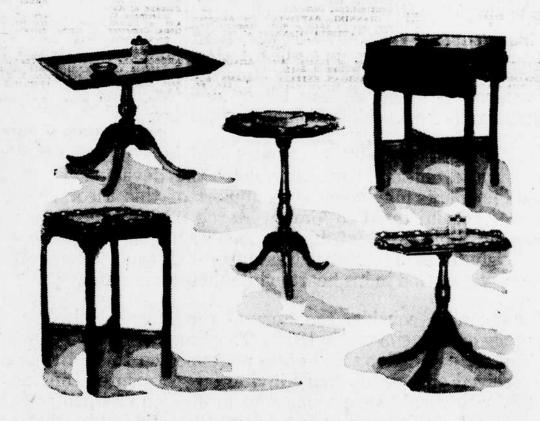


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